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Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 1985/17, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish a Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to undertake functions relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Covenant. The members are elected from a list of persons nominated by States parties to the Covenant.

2. In 2014, the Council is to elect nine members of the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2015 to fill vacancies that will occur upon the expiration, on 31 December 2014, of the terms of the following members: Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation), Clément Atangana (Cameroon), Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal), Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India), Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria), Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador), Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil), Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea) and Álvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia).

3. In a note verbale dated 21 October 2013, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months. The names of the persons nominated are set out below, together with the States parties that nominated them. Biographical information on the candidates will be provided in document E/2014/9/Add.13.

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Name	*Proposed by*
1. Aslan Abashidze*	Russian Federation
2. Maria Virginia Bras Gomes*	Portugal
3. Laura-Maria Craciunean	Romania
4. Chandrashekhar Dasgupta*	India
5. Olivier De Schutter	Belgium
6. Azzouz Kerdoun*	Algeria
7. Jaime Marchán Romero*	Ecuador
8. Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão*	Brazil
9. Askar Shakirov	Kazakhstan
10. Heisoo Shin*	Republic of Korea
11. Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes	Colombia
12. Carlos Rafael Urquilla Bonilla	El Salvador

* Nominated for re-election.

4. Currently, there are 161 States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The number of States parties by regional group is listed below, together with the number of seats to be allocated to each region in accordance with Council resolution 1985/17, subparagraph (b) and in accordance with Council decision 2010/201 B of 28 April 2010:[1]

Regional group	*States parties as at 1 January 2014*	*Seats allocated*
African States	48	4
Asia-Pacific States	35	4
Eastern European States	23	3
Latin American and Caribbean States	28	3
Western European and other States	27	4
Total	**161**	**18**

[1] The Council also decided that, on an exceptional basis, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States would be allocated the third rotating seat on the Committee for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011 and that the Group of Western European and other States would be allocated the same seat for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2015, and that such arrangement would not be affected by the number of ratifications to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights received by any regional group during that eight-year period.

5. Accordingly, the number of vacancies in each geographical region to be filled by the Council in 2014 is as follows:

Regional group	*Number of vacancies*
African States	2
Asia-Pacific States	2
Eastern European States	1
Latin American and Caribbean States	2
Western European and other States	2
Total	**9**

6. The current membership of the Committee is listed in the annex to the present note.

Annex

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(18 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2014

	Term expires on 31 December
Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation)*	2014
Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2016
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)*	2014
Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal)*	2014
Jun Cong (China)	2016
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)*	2014
Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland)	2016
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)*	2014
Mikel Mancisidor (Spain)	2016
Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)*	2014
Sergei Martynov (Belarus)	2016
Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius)	2016
Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname)	2016
Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil)*	2014
Waleed Sa'di (Jordan)	2016
Nicolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands)	2016
Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)*	2014
Álvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia)*	2014

* Retiring member.